

"KING SOLOMON"

Text For Sermon By Minister In Lexington.

Life Of Vagabond Who Has Become Famous

Held Up As Teaching Valued Lesson To Mankind.

WHAT NEEDS OF THE CHURCH ARE.

Dr. George Van Derveer Morris, of Centenary Church, Lexington, preached Sunday morning on "Lessons from the Life of King Solomon," taking for his text a clause from Luke 6:35, the marginal reading, "Despairing of no Man." He said in part:

"Every one here knows the story of 'King Solomon.' He has been made famous by Allen and other writers. Suffice it to say he was a worthless vagabond, drunken and idle, an incorrigible vagrant who was sold on the steps of the Court House here, according to a law of that time, for a term of months, and was bought by an old colored woman, who herself, had been liberated from slavery and who earned her living by making and selling delicious and savory cakes.

"For some reason this old woman loved this unlovable white man. Perhaps she saw, by a gift of double sight that some of the old slaves seemed to possess the latent possibilities in him. Soon after this the scourge of the cholera came and all who could fled from the smitten town.

"This was 'King Solomon's' opportunity. Being urged to flee, he tarried behind and taking his pick and shovel on his shoulder he went to the cemetery and began to bury the dead. Some have tried to detract from his glory by explaining this away. These say that he was a grave-digger by trade and consequently there was no special glory in his act.

Had he not been up to that time idle, a worthless vagabond? And now that there is danger and death in his occupation does he not take his life in his hands by going to work? "By this act he not only exalted himself to a permanent place on the page of history and in the heart of posterity, but, Epaminondas-like, he exalted his calling, and from henceforth no man can call it mean.

"I have not chosen this subject to advertise the movement to erect a monument to this man's memory. I am interested in it as I am in all such projects and have honored myself by investing a small amount in the fund. But advertisement is farthest from my thought.

"Nor have I chosen this subject in order to be sensational. I am never sensational in my choice of subjects for that sole end. It is not my wish to preach sensational sermons. If ever I do it is the accident of circumstances. But it is, and ever has been, my purpose to take the things in which men are interested, the things which are in the mouths of all, the things of every day life, and hold them up to the people for the sake of their lessons. Ministers lose golden opportunities to drive truth home when they neglect such topics.

"The text in its marginal reading makes a startling statement, 'Despairing of no man.' But that was Christ's statement and it was His attitude to the children of men while He was on earth and it is His attitude as He sits at the right hand of the Father.

"It is not so with mankind. We despair of many men. It is a common thing to say, 'There is no hope for him. He's too far gone. You might as well save yourself the trouble.' We despair of men all about us. We talk with them, we walk with them, on life's highway, we laugh with them, we transact business with them, but we despair of them. We are so despairing of them that we never try to save them.

"We despair of our own children. We plan for them in the things of this life, we hope great things for them in this world, but despair of them in the things of the spiritual realm. We are so despairing of them in these things that we never speak to them concerning them and never try to win them.

"And so it is with our dearest friends and our nearest neighbors. We despair of them. We do not try to win them. Our subject for this morning suggests two great points along this line.

"There is good in everyone. It is difficult to make a broad generalization from a single instance. But it was not only true in the single case

of 'King Solomon,' but in thousands of cases just as hopeless as his, for it would be difficult to find a more hopeless case than this. This was Christ's position. Let us make it ours! Let us make it a business, the finding of good in those about us.

"The evil is on top, it can be seen at once. The good is modest and lies underneath. This task may seem a little irksome at first, but when you begin to turn up unexpected gold beneath the surface you will forget the task. It will become a passion. What man up yonder in Alaska thinks of toil and trouble, or delving in the flinty soil, when he finds the precious gold, becomes like solving a puzzle. He is at first, but finally a passion to which all else must yield. Here are human puzzles given to us to solve.

"The occupation is full of fascination. But it must be remembered that this goodness is not saving goodness. This is where the world makes its mistake. It finds a trace of goodness and exalts it to the skies. There is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved but the name of Jesus. So 'King Solomon,' unless he accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior, was not saved by his noble deeds.

"On the other hand, this goodness when found in the human heart is a starting point on which and from which to work. It shows that Christ has not given up; that He is still striving by His Spirit for that life, and that He needs our help. That good trait or quality is the untangled end of the twine by means of which, by your help, Christ is enabled to untangle the whole skein of life.

"Everyone has a chance in this life of serving his fellows. This chance came to 'King Solomon.' As young McLaughlin, the hero of the Ironclads Theater fire said, after having saved the lives of eighteen women and children: 'Some get their chance at twenty-five, some at thirty, some at forty, some at sixty. Mine came at eighteen and I won out.' Beautiful, glorious thought. No wonder he died rejoicing.

"But most of us do not rise to the occasion. We make weak excuses. We lamely discount our own ability. Even poor old 'King Solomon' rose to his perhaps his only one. May God give us the grace (1), to recognize our opportunity of service when it comes, no matter how small it may be and (2) to rise to it as simply and nobly and as unostentatiously as this poor old hero-vagrant of the last century.

"If some one had told him before he died that a future generation would erect a monument to his memory he would have laughed the laugh of incredulity. There was nothing spectacular about the work it was the grim demand of duty and all of the manhood left in his besotted nature gathered itself together for his mighty climax of his life!

"The church's failure—and by that I mean the failure of Christians, if I may speak of the imperfect work of that glorious organization as such—the church's failure to do this has shackled Christianity and made God powerless in His own world. I mean the church's failure to see its opportunity and to rise to it, has put the break on the wheels of the progress of the Kingdom of God. And this in plain language means lack of consecration.

"Why do a few men work such wonders in foreign fields? Do you say it is because they work on heathen or new material? Do you forget that that fact makes it the more difficult and makes the victories the more wonderful? Remember that these heathen are bound down by the superstition of the centuries. But because the few who go to win them understand their opportunity and rise to it, these marvelous results follow. In other words, these men are consecrated."

McKenzie Todd Stays In The Sun Too Long.

McKenzie Todd, the Governor's secretary, is back from Atlantic City, where he went up against the worst case of sunburn which has been seen in recent times. Mr. Todd came back with the skin peeling off his face and ears and arms and back and legs and some other places. He stayed in the ocean too long, one day, and the sun went for him. He really did not enjoy his vacation on account of the sunburn and was almost ill for several days, having been almost parboiled. Mr. Todd could not wear his coat for several days and had to stay out of the water. He has recovered now, but he will not try it again soon, and the next time he goes into the ocean he will wear a thicker bathing suit.

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RUN FOR CAR

Causes Sudden Death Of Aged Minister.

REV. THOS. N. ARNOLD EXPIRES ON PORCH AT FEEBLE-MINDED INSTITUTE.

Exhaustion following a race to catch a street car here Monday morning caused the death of the Rev. Dr. Thos. N. Arnold, one of the best-known ministers of the Christian Church in Kentucky. Dr. Arnold dropped dead on the porch at the Feeble-Minded Institute shortly after 9 o'clock. He was seen that morning by a number of friends sitting in front of Sam South's drug store, in South Frankfort. He was dressed in his best clothes and expected to take the 10:30 o'clock interurban car for Versailles, where he was to preach a funeral sermon.

A car came by and Dr. Arnold ran to catch it. The effort of running, he being 80 years old, was great and he was exhausted when he entered the car. He left the car in front of the Institute and walked up to the main building, where he asked for a chair, saying he was worn out. He sat down and in less than a minute exclaimed, "Oh, Lord," and his head fell forward on his chest. When those around him reached him he was dead.

Dr. Arnold was a lawyer and minister, and at one time had one of the largest Christian churches in Louisville. Dr. Arnold came to Frankfort just before the war. He was pastor of the Christian church here for many years and was generally beloved. During the stormy days of the Goebel contest, Dr. Arnold was one of the two ministers who regularly attended the sessions of the Senate, and who offered prayer at the opening of the Senate. Dr. Arnold was a great friend of William Goebel and was one of the ministers who preached the funeral of Goebel.

Dr. Arnold was educated at Maysville at the old Richardson Institute, and was a classmate there of Gen. U. S. Grant. Other distinguished men were educated at that school. Dr. Arnold was a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Superintendent of Public Instruction when James H. Pugh was nominated. In the last few years Dr. Arnold has been chaplain at the Feeble-Minded Institute and the children were greatly attached to him.

The Rev. Thomas N. Arnold was born February 10, 1828, in Covington, and was the son of James G. and Margaret Dalton Arnold. His grandfather and some of the members of his family were distinguished Baptist preachers in Virginia. His father was one of the most useful and successful business men who ever flourished in Covington, and was, in fact, one of the founders of that city. He built the first Christian church ever erected there, made some large donations to Kentucky University and various other institutions and died in Covington at the great age of 84 years.

Thomas N. Arnold was graduated at Bethany College, Virginia, in 1847; attended law lectures in Lexington; was graduated at the law school in Louisville in 1852 and practiced his profession in Covington. In 1856 he entered the ministry of the Christian church and was pastor of churches in Covington, Louisville, Lexington and Midway, in Kentucky, and Richmond, Va. His church in Louisville was perhaps the largest church of that denomination in the world. He was married in 1853 to Miss M. Frances Pugh, of Bourbon county. They had seven children.

New Drug Firm Buys Store in South Frankfort.

Announcement made of the sale of the drug store of South & Co., on Bridge street, South Frankfort, to a new firm to be known by the title of Hughes & Harcourt, the members of which are Russ Hughes and J. F. Harcourt. Possession will be given about September 1. Before the new firm take charge, however, an entirely new front will be placed in the building by Noel and Armstrong, of the Farmers Bank, who own the building. A contract has already been let for the improvements, and it is planned to make the store one of the handsomest of the kind in the city.

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